GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2722
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DERAILMENT OF METRO TRAIN=
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two bogies of Metro train were derailed near Shahdara Station, Delhi on 17.03.2004;

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor;

(c) whether the matter has been enquired into; and

(d) if so, the findings thereof and the steps taken to ensure that the safety norms are strictly followed?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Two coaches of the empty rake of a Metro train derailed on 17.03.2004 in the siding near Shahdara station.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The Enquiry Committee which enquired into the accident came to the conclusion that the incident was on account of the fault of the driver who passed the siding signal at DANGER. To ensure that incidents of this nature do not get repeated, all the sidings at stations on the Shahdara-Rithala section have been brought under Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system which ensures that the train moves only if the conditions are safe and, if the signal ahead is at DANGER, the train cannot be started, since any attempt to start the train will result in automatic application of brakes.